ures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny and Village Enterprises laid in the Parliament on 6.8.91, the Government have envisaged to introduce a suitable legislation to ensure prompt payment of Small Industries Bills. The salient features of the legislation are under finalisation in consultation with the Ministry of Law. Government proposes to bring forward the Bill as soon as possible.

(c) Information is not centrally maintained.

Welfare Funds for Coal Miners

4576. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Welfare Fund for coalminers is administered by the Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiary companies;

(b) if so, the amount spent in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra out of Welfare Fund during the last three years; and

(c) the amount collected from the workmen working in coal mines in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sambhar Salts Ltd.

4577. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sambhar Salts Ltd. - a subsidiary of the Hindustan Salts is showing decline in production and profitability during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps contemplated in this regard;

(d) whether the Government of Rajasthan have demanded the membership of the Sambhar Salts Ltd. and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The State Govt. of Rajasthan has 40% equity shares in Sambhar Salts Ltd. and also as per Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company the State Govt. has two nominee Directors on the Board of the Company.

(e) Does not arise.

Technical Development Advisory Groups

4578. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to constitute Technical Development Advisory Groups through Directorate General of Technical Development (Management Support Section); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Technology Develop-

ment Advisory Groups are bring formed in Directorate General of Technical Development since 1986 to render advice on the technology thrust made in various sectors of industry. Fourteen Technology Development Advisory Groups were constituted during 1986-1990. During 1991-92, eighteen such groups have been constituted. The duration of each Group is for a period of one year.

A list showing the names of eighteen Technology Development Advisory Groups is given in the statement.

STATEMENT

List of 18 Technology Development Advisory Groups constituted in Directorate General of Technical Development during 1991-92:

1. Technology Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Instrumentation.
2. Technology Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Medical Equipments.
3. Technology Advisory Group on Recombinent DNA based Products.
4. Technology Advisory Group on Electrical Industries.
5. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Rubber Goods Industries.
6. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Automobiles.
7. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology Trends for Automation Industry.
8. Technology Development Advisory Group on Earth Moving Machinery including Construction Equipment Industry.
9. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Packaging & Packing materials.
10. Technology Development Advisory Group on Photonics/Laser Technology for Industrial Application.
11. Technology Development Advisory Group on Flexible Manufacturing Systems of Robotics.
12. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology Trends in Industrial Machinery.
13. Technology Development Advisory Group on Ship Building and Ship Repair Industry.
14. Technology Development Advisory Group on Emerging Technologies in Pollution Control.
15. Technology Development Advisory Group on Trends in Materials Technology.
16. Technology Development Advisory Group on Tool Room Products.
17. Technology Development Advisory Group on Non-Ferrous Metals.
18. Technology Development Advisory Group on Technology for professional Electronics.

Foreign investment in technical areas

4579. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: